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DEPARTMENT FOR ARA/CEN - DAVID GREENLEE

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FY-77 FMS CREDIT: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FROM GOCR

REF: A) SAN JOSE 3867, B) SAN JOSE 3799, C) SAN JOSE 3780

1. GOCR HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
SUPPLEMENT REQUEST FOR \$5 MILLION FMS CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF
FIVE PATROL BOATS:

A. LAUNCHES AND PERSONNEL WHO OPERATE THEM WILL BE ASSIGNED
TO THE COAST GUARD SERVICE WHICH, AS PART OF THE PUBLIC FORCES
OF COSTA RICA (LA FUERZA PUBLICA), IS DIRECTLY DEPENDENT ON THE
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO THAT MINISTRY.

B. IN ADDITION TO MISSION OF COASTAL PATROL TO COMBAT SMUGGLING
AND DRUG TRAFFIC, THE LAUNCHES WILL FULFILL NORMAL COAST GUARD
TYPE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

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(1) PATROL AND PROTECTION OF TERRITORIAL LIMITS.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION
MEASURES ON THE COASTS AND IN THE SEAS.

(3) SEARCH FOR LOST VESSELS.

(4) RESCUE

(5) ASSISTANCE TO AND EVACUATION OF COASTAL
AREAS AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.

(6) PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN COSTA RICAN
TERRITORIAL WATERS AND CAPTURE OF DELINQUENT SHIPS OR
INDIVIDUALS.

2. GOCR ALSO NOTES THAT AS COSTA RICAN CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS
EXISTENCE OF ARMED FORCES, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY BY
CONSTITUTION IS CHARGED WITH NORMAL POLICE FUNCTION AS WELL AS:
-- "MAKING USE OF THE PUBLIC FORCES TO PRESERVE THE ORDER,
DEFENSE, AND SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY." (ARTICLE 140, PARA 16).

3. COMMENT: GOCR PURPOSE IN PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION
IS TO CLARIFY ANY DOUBTS USG MAY HAVE RE USE OF LAUNCHES AND
ROLE OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY IN COSTA RICA. THEY ARE
SENSITIVE TO US LEGISLATION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, AND WANT
IT PLAINLY UNDERSTOOD THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ARMED FORCES IN
COSTA RICA, IT IS THE ROUGHLY 6,000 MEMBER COMBINED CIVIL AND
RURAL GUARD (WHICH ARE UNDER CONTROL OF TWO
DIFFERENT MINISTRIES) THAT CONSTITUTIONALLY ARE CHARGED
WITH THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DEFENSE.

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